

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—John Archer of Adair, Ind., Ter. is in the city visiting his relatives and friends.

—R. H. Talbot left for Hutchinson, Kan., Wednesday night on a visit to his daughter.

—Will McElhiney went to Fulton, Kansas, Saturday night to visit friends and relatives.

—H. R. Crowell of Columbus spent Tuesday in the city looking after private interests.

—Elmer Brumbaugh of Iowa has been spending a few days with old Cherokee county friends.

—J. M. Fortis and family left Monday night for Pine Bluff, Ark., where they will remain during the winter.

—Ben Landauer of Joplin made a flying visit to the city Thursday and went back with very favorable impressions.

The dancing club gave another of their entertaining parties at the city hall on Wednesday evening. The attendance was quite large and the Italian music of a high order. Among those who took part in the exercise were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hanback, Capt. and Mrs. Price, Mrs. W. H. Hornor, Miss Louisa Green, Miss Blanche Gregg, Miss Eldred Haines, Miss Minnie English, Miss Myrtle Naylor, Miss Blanche Naylor, Mrs. W. L. Kean, Miss Lillian Hornor, Miss Dot Hanback, Miss Zela Hodgkins, Miss Daisy Caruth, Messrs. Noble, Barr, Simmons, McElhiney, Walter Scott, Arthur Scott, Price, Beebe, Goodner, Caruth and McFadden. It is the intention of the club to continue these parties through the winter as the occasion demands, and we have no doubt they will prove a great source of pleasure to our society people—young and old.

This is what the Parsons Daily Eli says of our new Christian Minister: Brother Harris and his estimable wife have by a faithful, christian course of conduct in our midst endeared themselves to our people who from a social and christian standpoint are loth to part with them. We congratulate the good people of Baxter Springs upon their valuable acquisition to the religious and social circles of their city, and assure them that the best wishes and prayers of the congregation here go with and for them in the new field to which they have been called.

The "gentle sisters of the night," who recently occupied the premises known as 199 East street, have "silently" stolen their tents and packed away, leaving behind some fragrant reminiscences, a few pieces of decayed furniture, and quite a number of letters and billet doux from citizens of Baxter Springs and vicinity. All official papers are in the hands of a United States official who will file them for future reference.

Spiritual seances table tipping and supernatural communications are becoming quite the rage in Baxter Springs this winter. Tea parties and progressive eucher have gone out and ghostly apparitions have taken their place. We understand some startling demonstrations have already been made through the influence of Baxter's mediums.

The Keelville post office was broken into Saturday night and some \$50 worth of goods taken. There was no clue to the perpetrators of the deed, but it is supposed to have been committed by tramps or emigrants passing through the country. If the thieves are caught they will find but little sympathy from Uncle Sam.

Charles Branson living near Keelville was stopped by three men on the road Sunday night who attempted to rob him, but he succeeded in getting out of their clutches without loss. He thinks these are the same parties who robbed the Keelville post office as he afterwards saw three horses hitched by the roadside.

The election of officers of the Baxter lodge of A. O. U. W., resulted as follows: John McFadden, P. M. W.; T. Ryan, M. W.; S. Carroll, foreman; G. T. Smith, overseer; T. C. Wearer, recorder; E. P. McGregor, financier; G. Mason, guide; J. J. Fibley, trustee; John McFadden, representative to the grand lodge.

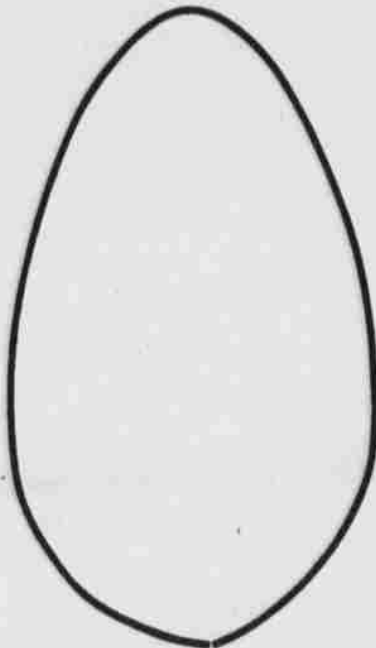
The ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian church, will hold a bazaar, supper and oyster supper, at the city hall, Friday, Dec. 18th, commencing at 5 p'clock. There will be a clumber robe, a comfort and fancy articles of almost every description, also aprons and sun bonnets, and many useful things.

Channey M. Depew, of New York, and Henry Scott, of Baxter Springs, arrived in Chicago last Monday, where they were met by a committee of the world's fair association, shown about the city and banqueted in the evening by the Iroquois Club. Both of these gentlemen talk better after dinner than before.

Col. March is figuring on two more Star route mail lines—one to Seneca, Mo., and one to Fairland, Ind. Ter., via McNaughton's and Pooler's. These routes will give the colonel a big salary and be of great benefit to Baxter and our friends south.

A FAST RACE TRACK.

There is a movement on foot to secure about 100 acres of land near the city and make a race track that will be of great value to the city. The old fashioned oblong track has given way to a much faster track in the shape of the figure 8, but it has been demonstrated that the fastest track in the world is the kite shaped track as shown here,



and it is this kind of a track that Baxter Springs will have if she has any. It is a well known fact that a mile track, kite shaped, is fully two seconds faster than the ordinary course, and with a track of this description a great many trainers would bring their horses and spend a good portion of the year.

W. W. Scott, the owner of the Kentucky stock barn, has a good many young horses ready for training and there are quite a number of good horses in this vicinity ready to go on the track if we have one suitable. But the advantage that would accrue to Baxter Springs is the bringing of outsiders with famously bred horses and in the spring and fall races, which would bring an immense crowd of moneyed men and be the means of giving our city and country some permanent advertising.

A stock company should be formed at once and the land secured. It can be purchased very cheaply at the present time and would of itself be a good investment, but with a celebrated kite shaped track the proceeds of one or two races would repay the outlay. Unless something is done in this direction we are likely to lose some of our best breeders and stock raisers and it is to the interest of all to secure this race course as speedily as possible.

If the movement is started and properly endorsed in Baxter Springs there is no doubt that many of the lovers of horse- and horse racing in other cities would assist materially in making it a success. Several of the business men of the city have signified their willingness to subscribe liberally to the capital stock of the company and we trust all will be ready to do the same when they have had time to consider the permanent benefits resulting from such an institution.

A BAND CONCERT.

Charles Christy, a veteran in the minstrel line, is arranging a benefit for the band to be given at the city hall, Monday evening next. The program is an interesting one, introducing a minstrel first part to be followed with amusing, interesting, side-splitting, mirth-provoking specialties. Several male and female members of the Galena band have kindly volunteered to assist in making the entertainment an interesting performance. The object is to aid our home band, and all citizens and lovers of music should turn out and fill the hall. Admission 25 and 35 cents. Seats can be obtained at the post office book store and Gregg's drug store.

The sparring exhibition Monday night was postponed for lack of an audience. There is no doubt the two gentlemen who were advertised to appear in appropriate costume and loosen each others jaw teeth with four ounce gloves are well up in their profession, and would have drawn a full house in Columbus or Galena, but the Baxter people are not educated up to these things and an exhibition in the manly art of self defense seems to have no charms for them.

If you prefer to patronize irresponsible traveling "agents" rather than responsible home merchants we would advise you to weigh your sugar, measure your glucose and examine your coffee before you pay for it. It is always best to buy of those you know to be honorable dealers as you will find out after you have tried the cheap John peddlers.

C. W. Daniels has on exhibition one of the most lifelike portraits of Abraham Lincoln ever made. It was taken in 1858 just after Mr. Lincoln made one of his famous speeches in the Lincoln-Douglas debates. The picture can be seen at the post office book store.

Miss Anna Widman, superintendent of public instruction, is one of the editors and proprietors of the "Modern Light" of Columbus. She is also connected with an educational newspaper.

Advocate: Cherokee county won the flag for having the largest delegation at the teachers convention, held at Pittsburg, last week.

AT THE PLAY.

The young lady amateurs of Baxter gave a rendition of a light comedy, "Anita's Trial," at the city hall Friday night of last week for the benefit of the public library. There was some very good acting on the part of the young ladies, but the scenery and stage effects were most remarkable. There was a rustic realism, or rather realistic rustiness, or perhaps real cussedness, about the scenic properties that is seldom seen in ordinary opera houses. The property man who had the placing of this piece on the stage is a genius of high order. A man who can arrange two empty nail kegs to represent a weeping willow with a hole in it, could put Kiralfy or Palmer to shame. With regard to the rest of the scenery we will say nothing as there was none displayed.

The play was to a great extent in conformity with the scenery, the biggest half of it being left to the imagination. A bank clerk falls in love (as all bank clerks do), and robs the bank (as most bank clerks do), and puts the guilt on an innocent Italian duke (as all bank clerks should do), and to cover up the embezzlement all the girls in town go on a picnic excursion to the country, where they remain several days sleeping under the trees (but for lack of proper scenery on the open stage with the lights blown out.) The Italian duke falls in love with several of the girls and is accepted, but the bank clerk comes in with two of Baxter's famous detectives, shoots at the duke, kills a couple of the girls, marries another, the detectives get the money and kick over the nail kegs, the bank collapses, the small boys yell and the curtain falls amid deafening applause.

The entertainment was well patronized, the hall being crowded with all it could contain. The people of Baxter Springs are deserving of better accommodations than our city hall in its present condition affords, and it is to be hoped that an effort will be made on the part of some of our enterprising citizens to build and furnish a better room. Some of our young people exhibit a dramatic talent which if properly developed would bring them name and fortune, but for theatrical purposes the city hall is little better than a cow shed and our people show a high appreciation of our public library and the young performers in attending as they did in such respectable numbers.

SECRET ORDERS.

Nearly all the secret societies of Baxter Springs will elect officers the ensuing week and if there are enough members to fill all the offices they may consider themselves lucky. So far as secret and benevolent societies are concerned Baxter is fully supplied, but perhaps there are none too many. Most of these orders are doing a good work and while they are a source of enjoyment to the members are also beneficial to the families of members who have their lives insured by them. Quite a number of families in Baxter Springs have received substantial aid from the insurance departments connected with these associations, and we fail to understand why there should be any serious objection to them. So far as we know there is nothing in their teachings detrimental to good morals or good manners, and except that a man has to die in order to draw out his invested capital there is no good cause for opposition to them.

But there is one of these orders wherein a man is not obliged to die in order to beat the game, and that is the sublime, select, potential and scientific institution, which meets over the feed store on Neosho street. This is a purely social organization, composed of the best young men of the city, and is founded on principles of faith, hope, charity, purity, loyalty and never dying love. There is no insurance or trickery connected with this order and we are informed it is one of the most select societies in the city—the equal in fact to Ward McAllister's 400 of New York.

We fail to see why there should be any objections to these purely social institutions. The members seem to attend to their own affairs, pay their dues regularly and turn out to funerals when called upon. We don't think we need any more secret societies in Baxter just at present, but to those we have here, and to the new officers elect we extend the congratulations of the season.

THE QUAPAW MISSION.

The Quapaw Indian school six miles south of Baxter Springs is in a flourishing condition. There are nearly 200 scholars enrolled and nearly all attend regularly. Some large and substantial buildings have been erected during the past year so that teachers and children are more comfortably provided for than ever before.

Mr. Harwood Hall, the superintendent, is well spoken of as an efficient and energetic manager. Miss Fannie Dean gives perfect satisfaction as matron, and the teachers, Miss Minnie Chapman, Miss Abbie Scott and Miss Eva Johnson, are all well adapted to fill the positions they occupy. The school was originally intended as a place of primary instruction and where Indian children could be kept out of mischief until they could get consumption and die, but it has grown into a very worthy institute of learning, where all the branches are taught and a sound education may be received.

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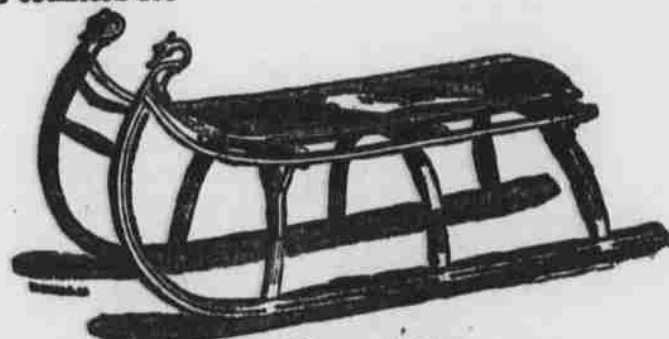
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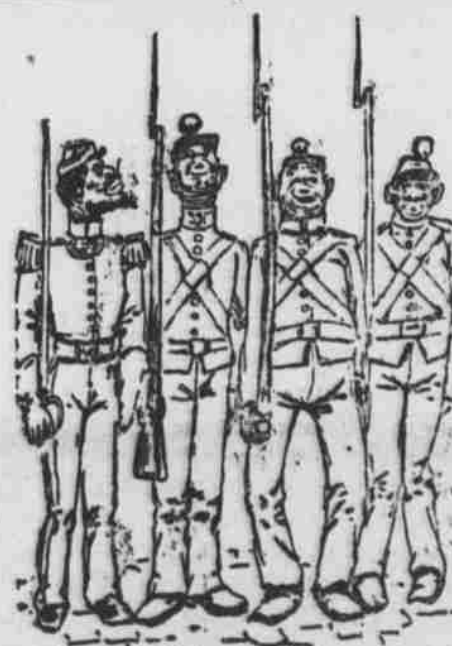


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